

2003 Brownfields Job Training Grants

JFY Networks, Boston, Mass.

Plans to train 60 participants, achieve an 80 percent placement rate, and track graduates for two years to ensure job retention and career growth. The 460-hour training program will focus on environmental chemistry, site assessment, and hazardous waste handling.

Middlesex Community College, Central Connecticut, Conn.

Plans to train 50 students, achieve an 82 percent placement rate, and track graduates for 18 months after job placement. The target participants will be underemployed or unemployed residents of nine Central Connecticut communities. Placement in environmental jobs will be accomplished through the Community College's existing relationships with the many technical employers in the area.

Coalition for a Better Acre, Lowell, Mass.

Expects to provide training to 48 residents, achieve a 83 percent placement rate, and track students for a year. The 256-hour training program will include hazardous material handling, environmental site assessment, environmental sampling of soil and water, and asbestos inspection. Students will be recruited from among low-income residents of the Lowell Enterprise Community.

The WorkPlace, Inc., Southwest Connecticut, Conn.

Plans to train 54 students, achieve a 83 percent placement rate, and track graduates for one year. Students will be recruited from communities with high unemployment and poverty rates. The Workplace, Inc. serves as the workforce investment board for Southwest Connecticut and will ensure placement of graduates in environmental jobs.

Camden, N.J.

Camden plans to train 50 students, achieve a 90 percent placement rate, and track students for one year. The training program will consist of 150 hours of site assessment, lead abatement, and asbestos abatement courses. This will be followed by 120 hours of internships with local environmental employers and mentoring by neighborhood residents. Students will be recruited from Camden, with emphasis on unemployed and unskilled minority residents.

Saint Nicholas Neighborhood Preservation Corporation, New York, N.Y.

Plans to train 80 students, achieve a 70 percent placement rate in environment-related jobs, and track students for two years. The 250-hour training program will include hazardous materials handling, lead abatement, and asbestos air sampling and abatement. Students will be recruited from disadvantaged residents of North Brooklyn and placed in environmentally related jobs by Williamsburg Works, the workforce development arm of Saint Nicholas.

New Jersey Youth Corps, Phillipsburg and Newark, N.J.

Plans to train 50 students, achieve an 80 percent placement rate, and track graduates for two to five years. The training program will include hazardous materials handling and phytoremediation (cleanup of plant life). Students will be unemployed or underemployed youth from Phillipsburg and Newark.

Oklahoma City, Okla.

The Oklahoma City Office of Workforce Development plans to train 110 participants, achieving a 70 percent placement rate, and track students for one year. The training program will consist of seven 80-hour training cycles covering hazardous materials handling and methamphetamine lab remediation. Candidates will be recruited from residents of the city's Empowerment Zone.

Fort Belknap Indian Community, Mont.

The Fort Belknap Indian Community and its partners plan to train 60 students, achieve a 70 percent placement rate, and track students for one year. The two-year, 370-hour training program consists of seven courses in a hazardous waste track offered during the first year of the program and eight courses in a remediation/ecosystem track offered during the second year. Students will include local residents of the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, and will be assisted in finding employment by the Tribal Employment Rights Opportunity (TERO) training program.

Los Angeles, Calif.

The Los Angeles Community Development Department plans to train 50 students, achieve an 80 percent placement rate, and track students for a full year. The seven-week, 300-hour job training program will consist of hazardous waste handling, innovative environmental technologies, lead abatement, and asbestos abatement. Recruitment will focus on low-income residents of the city's federal Empowerment Zone and five state Enterprise Zones. Placement will be conducted by the city's WorkSource Centers.